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FOR: METAL MATERIAL FOR PARTS OF CASTING MACHINE,  
MOLTEN ALUMINUM ALLOY-CONTACT MEMBER AND  
METHOD FOR PRODUCING THEM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97

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REFERENCES

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